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In re the Application of  
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For: Wastewater Treatment System

## STATUS INQUIRY LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir,

The above-identified application received a Notice of Allowance on April 21, 2004. The Issue Fee was paid June 15, 2004. PAIR indicates ISSUE FEE PAID-Not Matched with File with a Status Date of June 15, 2004. To date no other communications have been received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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Respectfully Submitted

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